

KENT COUNTY

2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	318	325	318
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	413	363	369
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	131,283	117,905	117,372
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	7,249	8,164	8,757
<i>Hogs</i>	8,599	²	²
<i>Sheep</i>	736	775	1,068
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			66,836
<i>Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			17,582
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			13,373
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			²
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	54.8	56.9	57.1
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	10.4	11.4	13.8
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			170
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			1,610
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$29,025,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	3	<i>Soybeans</i>	6
<i>Barley</i>	6	<i>Vegetables</i>	7
<i>Forage</i>	11	<i>Wheat</i>	4

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	20	<i>Milk Cows</i>	5
<i>Broilers</i>	8	<i>Sheep</i>	8
<i>Hogs</i>	6		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	37,800	151.7	5,734,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	40,100	65.7	2,632,700
	<i>2003</i>	42,000	126.4	5,308,800
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	4,000	18.3	73,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	4,600	15.9	73,300
	<i>2003</i>	2,700	13.6	36,700
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	42,300	41.0	1,734,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	39,000	23.5	915,700
	<i>2003</i>	38,100	43.2	1,646,000
<i>Wheat (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	14,800	65.2	965,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	15,600	67.7	1,056,500
	<i>2003</i>	13,900	34.9	485,800
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	4,300	2.3	10,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	4,300	2.5	10,700
	<i>2003</i>	3,200	2.6	8,400
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> ³	3,500	74.1	259,300
	<i>2002</i> ³	3,600	90.2	324,800
	<i>2003</i>	3,300	61.5	202,800

³ Revised.

* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$79.49	\$82.16	\$85.33

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